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MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2014

Members Present: Lawrence B. Dorman, Chairman
Norman A. Hills, Vice Chairman
Joel D. Hartley, Treasurer
Jeffrey J. Doubrava, Member
Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk
Cynthia C. Trinidad, Associate

Members Absent:

Secretary:

Others Present: The Wanderer; Jeffrey Oakes (Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission)

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 in the conference room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. The site inspection on Saturday, by N. Hills and J. Doubrava. This meeting was televised and video recorded by Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV), and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff.

7:00 PM **THOMAS STEMBERG**, 114 Point Road – Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-1216) to demolish the structures on the lot and construct a single-family dwelling, a pool, a pool house, a tennis court, a driveway and walkways. Request from the engineer to continue to September 10, 2014. S. Gonsalves recused himself from the discussion. L. Dorman motioned to continue, N. Hills seconded; voted unanimously.

DISCUSSION: N. Hills had a letter from MOSAC regarding Grassi Bog. NRCS is working on a revised design. They will get back to the Commission. S. Gonsalves expressed concern on their ability to take over Sprague's Cove when they can't get this together, his opinion.

DISCUSSION: N. Hills mentioned the funds approved at a previous meeting for the revised Assessors Maps. The Maps have arrived and are in the office.

39 **DISCUSSION:** N. Hills mentioned the Secretary position has been advertised, hoping for a
40 replacement soon.

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42 **DISCUSSION:** Draft of the July 9, 2014 minutes from C. Trinidad will be cleaned up and
43 reformatted. Earlier minutes from D. Drake need to still be typed up.

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45 **DISCUSSION:** The Board of Selectmen are having an Open Meeting on August 18, 2014,
46 7:00pm at the Music Hall with MOSAC and Conservation Commission regarding Sprague's Cove.
47 N. Hills put together a presentation.

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49 **DISCUSSION:** N. Hills stated that at the next meeting, Pierson Woods platform is the only
50 item on the agenda so far.

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52 **DISCUSSION:** Still need to respond to the Request for Determination from Costa on River
53 Road. Just need to issue.

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55 **DISCUSSION:** L. Dorman thanked N. Hills for helping with the office work.

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57 7:15 PM **MOSAC:** Grassi Bog- Request for Determination for Applicability (File No. 41D-
58 1537) for placement of two aluminum gangways to provide pedestrian access on the existing trail
59 network. J. Oakes present to represent MOSAC for a bridge over the spillways at Grassi Bog,
60 described the project. Crushed stone leveling pad will be used. Eight people could carry or a small
61 bobcat could be used. N. Hills asked if the gangways are level or arched. J. Oakes said level. C.
62 Trinidad asked how far above waterline they will be. J. Oakes said they are level with the top of the
63 path, N. Hills suggested they may have to be built up. C. Trinidad asked how long will they remain in
64 place. J. Oakes said they will be permanent and can be bolted down if needed, but are removable at
65 this point. J. Doubrava asked how much usage will the gangways get? J. Oakes was unsure. N. Hills
66 asked if mowers can go over them. J. Oakes replied yes, and that the DPW does the mowing. N.
67 Hills asked how long for the NRCS to respond. J. Oakes had heard with a couple of weeks but was
68 unsure.. L. Dorman motioned to close; N. hills seconded; voted unanimously.

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70 7:20 PM **JEFFREY DOUBRAVA:** 47 East Avenue – Request for Determination of
71 Applicability (File No. 41D -1538) for treatment of phragmites in a beach area above the high tide
72 line. J. Doubrava described the project, to remove a small group of phragmites in the corner of the

73 lot. In the course of one year the number went from approximately 15 to approximately 200 plants.
74 Will use a water approved herbicide using a tank sprayer. Work would be done in early September,
75 with the tide going out then again two weeks later. Dead plants would be removed mechanically in
76 October. Process would be repeated if needed. Discussion addressed on how the plants had spread.
77 J. Doubrava will do the treatment himself, no license is need if on your own property. C. Trinidad
78 asked if the neighbors were aware and J. Doubrava said yes. L. Dorman moved to close; N. Hills
79 seconded; voted unanimously.

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81 **MOSAC**: L. Dorman drafted Determination with Negative Determination Box 3. Special
82 condition that the gangways be permanently anchored once the repair work is done. C. Trinidad
83 seconded; voted unanimously.

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85 **JEFFREY DOUBRAVA**: J. Doubrava left before this discussion. L. Dorman drafted the
86 Determination, with Negative Box 2 and Box 3. No conditions. L. Dorman motioned to close the
87 hearing; N. Hills seconded; voted unanimously.

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89 L. Dorman suggested reorganization at the next meeting.

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91 L. Dorman motioned to adjourn. C. Trinidad seconded; voted unanimously.

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94 Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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100 Donna M. Hemphill, Administrative Assistant

101 Approved November 12, 2014